



FLWEMS Paramedics Neonatal & Pediatric Protocol for the Management of:  
**DROWNING/NEAR DROWNING**

**Indications**

To outline the paramedic care and management of the patient with signs and symptoms of the near drowning patient. Prolonged total or partial submersion resulting in cardiopulmonary compromise:

**Procedure:**

1. Secure an airway as outlined in FLWEMS Paramedics Neonatal & Pediatric Protocol for the Management of Airway & Ventilation and administer supplemental **Oxygen** as needed. Intubate neurologically depressed patient to prevent aspiration.
2. Provide full spinal immobilization if indicated by history or if history is unknown.
3. Establish IV of **Lactated Ringers** or **0.9% NaCL** and infuse at a rate necessary to maintain normal blood pressure.
4. Treat for hypothermia as per FLWEMS Paramedics Neonatal & Pediatric Protocol for the Management of Hypothermia.
5. Monitor cardiac rhythm and treat dysrhythmias as per FLWEMS Paramedics Neonatal & Pediatric Protocol for the Management of Cardiac Dysrhythmias (PALS).
6. Transport to appropriate Emergency Department.
7. Contact Medical Control for further orders as needed.

**CAIRA/Chemical Surety Considerations**

None

**Triage Considerations**

Refer to S.T.A.R.T. Triage Protocol

**END OF SOP – NOTHING FOLLOWS**